

## **Cole Camp Police Department**

### **Chief's Report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen**

**May 2026**

Mayor and Members of the Board,

Since taking office, the department has continued focusing on stabilization, modernization, professionalism, and long-term sustainability. A significant amount of time has been dedicated toward reviewing departmental operations, evaluating policies, identifying budget concerns, improving organization, and seeking outside funding opportunities to help reduce financial strain on the city while still improving services.

My philosophy as Chief is straightforward: proactive policing, strong community partnerships, officer accountability, and preparedness are essential to reducing liability, strengthening public trust, and maintaining a safe environment for both residents and officers. I believe effective small-town policing depends on officers being visible, approachable, well-trained, and consistently held to professional standards that reflect the expectations of the community they serve.

#### **Grants and Funding Opportunities**

##### **Missouri Blue Shield Program**

Work continues toward participation and compliance with the Missouri Blue Shield Program. This program supports professional policing standards, officer recruitment and retention efforts, policy development, training compliance, and future grant opportunities. Participation also strengthens the department's eligibility for state-level funding opportunities and equipment grants.

##### **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)**

The department has continued preparations related to the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. This grant opportunity is intended to improve cybersecurity infrastructure, evidence security, data protection, and overall technological resilience for local government agencies. This project aligns with ongoing discussions regarding cloud-based evidence storage and modernization of department technology systems.

This grant is going to be utilized to purchase needed software and technology that the city desperately needs. Technology and software, that even without this grant, would still have to be purchased. This grant will be utilized to put the City on a proper government domain, provide training and education on how to prevent cyber-attacks, establish back-up protocols, and

provide additional software and tools that are standard and necessary for a government organization to function properly.

The Grant is 60/40 match grant. 20% must be allocated to rural areas such as ours. We anticipate approximately 10,000.00 will be the total cost with our portion being 4000.00.

The money will be spent as follows:

4 Email Licenses for the Board-16.00

15 Business Standard Licenses for the City-548.50

Securamax Licensing for Digital Evidence Storage-495

Laptop for the Mayor-2000

Toughbook for the Chief-3000

Cloud Back-up-1000.00

Training Program and Implementation-3000.00

These numbers are approximations but give an idea of exactly what the money would be spent on.

### **LESO Program**

The department is actively reviewing the LESO Program catalog for equipment and resources that may benefit both the police department and the City as a whole. Participation in the program allows the department to identify cost-effective opportunities to improve operational readiness, emergency response capabilities, and long-term equipment sustainability while minimizing financial impact on local taxpayers.

### **Closing**

The department continues making steady progress toward improving organization, operational effectiveness, policy compliance, training standards, equipment readiness, and long-term planning. While challenges remain, I believe the department is moving in a positive direction and building a professional organization that the community and city leadership can be proud of.

I appreciate the continued support of the Mayor and Board as we continue working through these improvements responsibly and strategically.

Respectfully,

Chris Horn  
Chief of Police  
Cole Camp Police Department

# Vest Comparison List

Vendor	Carrier	Panels	Level	Cost	Notes
Safelite Defense	2WD	Hyperline	IIIA	1620.81	No Pouches
Templar Tactical	Warbird Façade	Meridian	II/IIIA Side Panels	1651.75	Includes Pouches
Black Dawn	Uzip Patrol	Araura	IIIA	1185	No Pouches
Zero Thirty (Pouches only)	Pouches	Pouches	Hard Plastic	287.94	Pouches

We have elected to go with the Uzip Patrol Carrier and Araura IIIA Carrier from United Shield with hardware from Zero Thirty. Black Dawn is a local company and vendor for United Shield. They also manufacture firearms and supply a large number of agencies in the area. Additionally going through Black Dawn will save the department between around 150.00

# OFFICER ACTIVITY LOG

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MONTH:  
04/17-05/14

YEAR:  
2026

	SELF INITIATED 04/17-05/14	CALLS FOR SERVICE 04/17-05/14	SELF INITIATED 03/19-04/16	CALLS FOR SERVICE 03/19-04/16
NRT	83	25	17	40
REPORT TAKEN	2	7	0	2
WARNINGS	35	0	12	0
CITATIONS	9	1	4	0
ARRESTS	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	119	32	33	42

Officer Activity for the last month has increased slightly from last month. While officers took fewer calls for service they generated more reports and arrests than last month. Self-initiated activity has increased significantly since last month. Officers are taking more initiative, checking more businesses, stopping more cars, and writing more tickets.